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PREFACE

THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY

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COVERING LAOS.
ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN THREE SECTIONS.

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION.

THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO GROER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH SECTION ARE ARRANGED 1)
WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 2)
WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 3) WITHIN
THE WAC AREA BY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN
ASCENDING ORDER. AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN

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HEADINGS AND PHOTO REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1/250,000, L7012, 1/50,000, AND THE ATC SERIES 200, SCALE 1/200,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE INFORMATION.

NOTE -- AAA DEFENSES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE BASIC CATEGORIES -- LIGHT (ZPU-1, ZPU-2, ZPU-4, 37MM), MEDIUM (57MM, 85MM), AND HEAVY (100MM AND LARGER), WHERE SUCH A CATEGORY CANNOT BE DETERMINED, THE SITE WILL BE LISTED AS AN AAA SITE AND THE NUMBER OF GUNS INDICATED (EXAMPLE 6-GUN AAA SITE, OCCUPIED/UNOCCUPIED).

SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	BE	NPIC
			1	
-LAOS- IR INSTALLATIONS AN NON HON LANDING STRIPS NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE AIRCRAFT 2 DERELICT C-47.	1926N 10305E	Ø617		427-1
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
AHAXAY MILITARY AREA ON SOUTH EDGE OF MAHAXAY AT UTM WE213249. ENTRENCHED AREA CONTAINS 1 LARGE MULTIWING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1 SMALL SUPPORT BUILDING, AND 5 SMALL SHEDS. AREA APPEARS TO BE ABANDONED. 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1725N 10511E	Ø617		368
AN NA KOK STRONGPOINT NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE STRONGPOINT APPEARS TO BE ABANDONED.	1727N 10509E	Ø617 :		410
AN PHAN HOP AAA SITES NE SIX LIGHT AAA SITES IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF BAN PHAN HOP AIRFIELD.	1732N 10544E	Ø617		199-H
SITE A (UTM WE793393) 4-GUN, UNDCCUPIED.				

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	Coordinates	WAC	Target N	lumbers
Target	Coordinates	WAC [BE	NPIC
SITE B (UTM WE792392) 4-GUN, UNOCCUPIED.				
SITE C (UTM WE793391) 4-GUN, UNDCCUPIED.				
SITE D (UTM WE792395) NEWLY IDENTIFIED 4-GUN, UNOCCUPIED.				
SITE E (UTM WE791394) NEWLY IDENTIFIED 4-GUN, UNOCCUPIED.				
SITE F (UTM WE789398) NEWLY IDENTIFIED 4-GUN, UNOCCUPIED.				
K1D				
BAN PHAN HOP AAA SITES NW EIGHT OF THE 14 LIGHT AAA SITES REPORTED IN	1733N 1Ø544E	Ø617		199-F
SITES A-C, F AND G UNOCCUPIED.				
SITE D (UTM WE779411) 4-GUN, OCCUPIED.				
SITE E (UTM WE4774Ø8) 4-GUN. OCCUPIED.				
SITE H (UTM WE782411) 4-GUN, PROBABLY OCCUPIED.				
D D				
MU GIA CHOKE POINT AAA DEFENSES IMMEDIATELY SE OF MU GIA CHOKE POINT AT UTM	1735N 10544E	Ø617		116-C

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	-	Target Coordinates WA		Target N	get Numbers	
	Target	Coordinates	WAC	BE	NPIC	
25X1D	WE786446. TWO 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITES UNOCCUPIED. BAN NHOMMARATH KEO AAA SITES SIX OF THE 10 REMAINING AAA SITES IN THE BAN NHOMMARATH KEO AREA COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY. ALL 6 SITES ARE UNOCCUPIED.	1736N 1Ø5Ø9E	Ø617		365	
25X1D	BASIC SERVICES BAN BOUNG BAU HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER NAM GNOM IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BAN BOUNG BAU AT UTM WE242424. THREE-SPAN, HALF-THROUGH, UNSERVICEABLE BRIDGE WITH SW SPAN DESTROYED. APPARENTLY SERVICEABLE VEHICLE FORD OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY SE OF BRIDGE.	1734N 1Ø513E	0617		369-A	
٥٥ ١	BAN NHOMMARATH KEO HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF BAN NHOMMARATH KEO AT UTM WE187462 FIVE-SPAN, WOODEN, DECK-TYPE, SERVICEABLE HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS UNNAMED RIVER .	1736N 1Ø51ØE	Ø617	25X1A	365-D	
25X1D	NAPE HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER NAM PHAO EASTERN EDGE OF NAPE AT UTM WE083235.	1818N 10504E	Ø617	25X1A	118-D	

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
ı urget	Coordinates	WAC	BE	NPIC
THREE-SPAN, WOODEN, DECK-TYPE, UNSERVICEABLE BRIDGE WITH WESTERN SPAN COLLAPSED. APPARENTLY SERVICEABLE VEHICLE FORD OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF BRIDGE. SEVERAL CRATERS OBSERVED IN AREA.				
MISCELLANEOUS				
ROUTE 4				
SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE, SERVICEABLE ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY FROM 19-27N 103-08E TO 19-20N 103-23E. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.				
D				
ROUTE 7				
SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE, SERVICEABLE ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION GBSERVED FROM 19-29N 103-07E TO 19-29N 103-15E AND FROM 19-38N 103-29E TO 19-36N 103-35E. BRIDGE AT BAN BAN (19-37N 103-34E) IS UNSERVICEABLE. A VEHICLE FORD OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BRIDGE. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.				
D				

		WAC	Target Numbers	
Target	Coordinates	WAC	BE	NPIC
SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD OBSERVED FROM 18-23N 105-10E TO 17-34N 105-10E. ROAD IS PASSABLE BETWEEN NAPE (18-18N 105-06E) AND LAK SAO (18-11N 104-59E), IMPASSABLE SOUTH FROM LAK SAO TO 17-50N 105-03E (DUE TO RUTS AND GENERAL DETERIORATION OF ROAD AND WASHOUT OF BRIDGES AND FORDS), AND PASSABLE, THOUGH: IN POOR CONDITION, FROM 17-50N 105-03E TO BAN NHOMMARATH KEO (17-36N 105-09E). VEHICLE FORD AT 18-20N 105-08E HAS NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS, BUT APPEARS SERVICEABLE. NUMEROUS CRATERS OBSERVED AT 18-20N 105-07E, BUT ROAD IS PROBABLY SERVICEABLE. NAPE HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT 18-18N 105-04E IS INTERDICTED WITH WESTERN SPAN COLLAPSED (SEE NPIC TARGET NO 0617-118-D). FORD IMMEDIATELY SOUTH APPEARS SERVICEABLE WITH SEVERAL CRATERS OBSERVED. BAN NHOMMARATH KEO HIGHWAY BRIDGE IS INTACT AND SERVICEABLE (SEE NPIC TARGET NO 0617-365-D). NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.				

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target	Numbers
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SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED FROM 16-35N 105-53E TO 16-38N 106-07E. THREE-SPAN, WOODEN, DECK-TYPE, SERVICEABLE HIGHWAY BRIDGE OBSERVED AT 16-35N 105-55E. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED. 25X1D ROUTE 12 SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE, SERVICEABLE ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED FROM 17-27N 105-09E TO 17-37N 105-44E. CHOKE POINT IN MU GIA PASS AREA AT 17-35N 105-44E IS SERVICEABLE. BAN BOUNG BAU BRIDGE AT 17-34N 105-13E HAS SW END DESTROYED (SEE NPIC TARGET NO 0617-369-A). ALL OTHER BRIDGES AND FORDS APPEAR TO BE			oc.	NPIC
INTACT. NC VEHICLES OBSERVED. 5X1D ROUTE 23				

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	Target	Coordinates	WAC	BE	NPIC	
25X1[SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED FROM 17-39N 105-45E TO 17-20N 105-40E. BAN SENG PHAN ROAD BRIDGE AT 17-29N 105-42E IS UNSERVICEABLE. AN APPARENTLY SERVICEABLE FORD IS IMMEDIATELY WEST. (SEE NPIC TARGET NO 0617-358-C) PONTOON BRIDGE AT 17-24N 105-44E IS SERVICEABLE.			BE	N. IC	

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	Target	Coordinates	WAC	BE	NPIC
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25X1E	BAN PHAN HOP AIRFIELD 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1732N 10544E	Ø617	25X1A	199
25X1D	LAK SAO AIRFIELD 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO 25X1A	1811N 1Ø459E	Ø617		113
25X1E	NAPE AIRFIELD 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1818N 10505E	9617		118
25X1D	BAN TA VIANG AIRFIELD	1902N 10325E	Ø617		210
25X1D	BAN THEUONG AIRFIELD	1923N 10311E	Ø617		479
25X1D	BAN SAG LANDING STRIP	1927N 10307E	Ø617		427~D

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25X1D	XIENG KHOUANG AIRFIELD 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1927N 10308E	Ø617	25X1	130-A	
25X1D	BAN BAN AIRFIELD MILITARY INSTALLATIONS	1938N 10333E	Ø617		159-A	
25X1D	MUONG PHINE POSSIBLE MAINTENANCE AREA 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1632N 10601E	Ø617		192-D	
25X1D	MUONG PHINE ARMY BARRACKS 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1632N 1Ø602E	Ø617		192	
25X1D	BAN SENG PHAN AAA SITES	1729N 10542E	Ø617		358 ≃8	
25X1D	BÀN LANG KHANG STRONGPOINT	1733N 10544E	Ø617		199-A	
25X1D	BAN NHOMMARATH KEO MILITARY ARFA	1734N 10510E	Ø617		365−€	

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	Target	Coor	dinates	WAC	BE	NPIC	
25X1D	LAK SAG ARMY BARRACKS 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO 25X1A	1811N	1Ø459E	Ø617	25X1A	113-A	
25X1D	BAN SAO ARMOR STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA	1927N	10307E	Ø617	25X1A	427≂E	
25X1D	BAN BAN ARMY BARRACKS 25X1A COMOR TARGET NO	1938N	1Ø333E	Ø617		159	
25X1D	BASIC SERVICES BAN SENG PHAN ROAD BRIDGE OVER NAM NGO	1729N	10542E	Ø6 1 7		358-C	
25X1D	BAN LANG KHANG REST/REFUEL/SUPPLY POINT	1734N	10543E	Ø617		199-D	
25X1D	XIENG KHOUANG COMPLEX	192ØN	1Ø322E	Ø617	25X1A	130	

SECTION III

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122011	IDJIIL	Ø617		121-
		2011		121
1632N	10602E	Ø617		192
142681	104045	8617	25X1A	192
103411	180845	2011		172
1635N	10604E	Ø617		192
1010ki	105055	9617		118
10101/	INDEDE	8011		110
10108	1050/5	8617		118
101314	100046	2011		110
10204	142225	G 4 1 7		159
1333N	12333E	2017		139
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APPENDIX

COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

<u>Coordinates</u>--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

<u>WAC</u>--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0468-15-A

and an NPIC target number 0467-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered cloud cover); HC (heavy cloud cover); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy cloud cover); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semidarkness); S (snow); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).